

REMARKS

By the above amendments the specification has been amended on page 1 to include a reference to the related application serial no. 09/820,895, now U.S. Patent No. 6,562,075, of which the above-identified application is a continuation in part.

The specification, claims and abstract were amended under Article 34 in the international application. Replacement sheets containing drawing Figs. 28-34 were also submitted under Article 34. A Substitute Specification containing the above amendment to the specification and containing all the amendments of replacement sheets as submitted in the corresponding international application PCT/US03/09506, is also enclosed. It is respectfully submitted that the Substitute Specification contains no new matter.

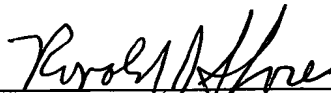
An Information Disclosure Statement is also filed herewith wherein the International Search Report and references cited therein and documents cited in the related U.S. application serial no. 09/820,895, now U.S. Patent No. 6,562,075, have been listed. It is requested that the cited documents be considered and made of record in the application.

An early action on the merits is requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to

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Respectfully submitted,

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